Biotechnology is broadly defined as a collection of new scientific techniques that use living cells and their molecules to make products or solve problems. It has a wide range of application, including human and animal health care, food and agriculture, environmental protection and industrial processes.

The Biotechnology Center is a private, non-profit corporation founded by the state in 1984 as the nation's first government-sponsored biotechnology center. Its mission is to provide long-term economic and societal benefits to North Carolina by supporting biotechnology research, business and education statewide.

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